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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307 The Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$560,500.00 in fiscal year 2023 community project funding for "**Equitable Approaches to Public Safety in the City of New Bedford**" located in New Bedford, MA. The entity to receive funding is City of New Bedford with offices located at 133 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740.

This project, lead by the City of New Bedford and in partnership with the New Bedford Health Department, NorthStar Learning Centers, Child and Family Services, the New Bedford PoliceDepartment, New Bedford Emergency Medical Services, and United Way will leverage existing and build new partnerships to develop more equitable approaches to public safety and implement reforms and alternative investments.

This funding is a good use of taxpayer dollars because the goals of this project are a demonstrated increase in equitable public safety and public healthoutcomes and a demonstrated decrease in mental health, behavioral health, or other public health needs. Through this project, partner organizations will engage with the community to better understand the impact of existing programs and inform expansion, revision, and/or development of new programs.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely

William R. Keating Member of Congress